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FAHMI, KISSINGER LUNCHEON SPEECHES

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(TEXT) CAIR.--EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMA'IL FAHMI AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR HENRY KISSINGER EXCHANGED SPEECHES AT THE LUNCHEON WHICH ISMA'IL FAHMI GAVE THIS AFTERNOON AT THE AT-TAHIR CLUB IN HONOR OF THE U.S. SECRETARY.

IN HIS SPEECH THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WELCOMED DR KISSINGER, SAYING: I HOPE YOUR VISIT, WHICH INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT, WILL MAKE THE BEGINNING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST PEACE IN THE AREA. ISMA'IL FAHMI REFERRED TO HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR KISSINGER.

IN HIS REPLY SPEECH DR KISSINGER TOLD HOW HAPPY HE WAS TO BE IN CAIRO, WHERE HE HAD THE HONOR OF MEETING PRESIDENT AS-SADAT AND HOLDING IMPORTANT AND FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY. HE SAID: NOW THAT MINISTER ISMA'IL FAHMI HAS HAD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON AND LISTENED TO HIM IN WASHINGTON, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CURRENT VISIT TO CAIRO, DURING WHICH I SPOKE IN THE NAME OF PRESIDENT NIXON, COULD BECOME A TURNING POINT IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

(88,434 PRAISED THE WISDOM OF THE PRESIDENT (AS-SADAT--FBIS) AND SAID: HISTORY HAS PROVED THAT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE UNITED STATES SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES. ANY DISTURBANCE IN THESE RELATIONS HARMS THEIR INTERESTS. THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING HIS HOPE THAT ALL THESE EFFORTS WILL LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA.

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